

Introducing Mervyn Head



Member of Church Council and Treasurer

I grew up in the Brisbane suburb of Toowong and later Taringa. In 1945 at the age of 6 started to attend Sunday school at the Taringa Baptist Church with friends from across the road. This was the closest church to where we were living. When I was about 12, I started attending the Taringa Methodist where most of my school buddies were members of the Order of Nights.

My first recollection of making a commitment to Christ was at about 18 years of age at a special youth service at the Methodist church and I continued to be a part of the life of that church until 1963 when I joined the South Brisbane Congregational Church where Marlene was an elder. Following our marriage in that church in 1965, we later built a house at Mt Gravatt and became members of the Trinity Congregational Church at Mt Gravatt. This property was later sold as part of the Broadwater Road Uniting Church.

In 1981 we moved to the Gold Coast where I established a branch office for the accountancy practice where I was a partner. At that time our children were 12 and 10 years of age and we joined the Uniting Church which was then worshipping in the Currumbin State School. We have been part of this congregation since then and, following the move to the present site at Elanora in 1985, I have served on Church Council and as Treasurer for a number of different periods.

Throughout all those years I continued to follow a Christian lifestyle and be part of a worshipping congregation, but it wasn't until October 1990 when I attended an Emmaus Walk that, as for those disciples walking along the road, my eyes were opened and I recognised Him.

Although life has not always been easy since then, I have been able to trust in the Saving Grace of Christ Jesus to carry me through those difficult times. I have come to know that it is through forgiveness of others whose actions created some of those difficult times, that I have really experienced God's Grace.



Congratulations to our Kids Hope Mentors who were nominated for a McPherson Community Achiever Award by the Elanora State Primary School.

This is such a wonderful recognition of this team of people who have committed to support and care for at risk children in our community for one hour per week. So thank you for your grace and love to these children and their families. This is a great witness to our wider community that the church is actively living out the command to love one another.

Thank you to current and past mentors. If you would like to know more about this outreach program of our church and/or are curious about becoming a mentor yourself, please contact the coordinator Jan Drury, phone 5598 8005.

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Current Kids Hope mentors are: Jan Drury – Coordinator, Deslie Rallings, Barbara Cooke, Faye Dunne, Beryl Parkinson, Dianne Malimonenko, Greg Malimonenko, Gloria Bryant, Pat Garde, Josie Campbell, & Kay Josephs.

Past mentors were: Shirley Johnston, Helen Hall, Wilma O'Connor, Judith Bremner, Christine Hague, Pam Lipscombe, Lorraine McRae, Sue Ravening, & Pamela Slatyer.



Average Attendance @
Elanora, 9am service
March, 2019
Adults: 98
Children: 5

This Sunday's Sermon
"Communities of Grace"
concludes the series on grace.

This week's reading:
Matthew 20:1-16

There has been a hiccup with some of the CD's of the Grace sermon series. As an alternative, paper copies of Rev Catherine's sermon notes can be requested through the office.



40 Items for 40 Days Challenge

Wondering **WHEN** to bring in your items?
EASTER SUNDAY 21st April 9-11am OR
MONDAY 22nd April 9-11am.

Wondering **WHERE** to take them?
Robinson Hall is where you should take them.

Please only bring items that are in good condition.

The major beneficiary of our collection will be UnitingCare (Blair Athol etc). You will find the list of things that they would be able to use below. You may have also set aside things, e.g. clothing, that are not on that list. These will be given to another charity or community group.

When you bring your things to Robinson Hall, you will be asked to divide them into two groups – those for UnitingCare and “the rest”.

Any enquiries: please see Rev Catherine

Suggested items for Blair Athol	Items for Teenagers (UnitingCare)
Cups/mugs Glasses Cutlery Towels Books/magazines Toiletry items Toys for children Pencils/pens/crayons	Lego Football table Air hockey table Basketball hoop Basketballs/footballs Swings Totem tennis Ping pong table Boogie boards Surfboards Art/craft items Board games

NEEDED: Do you have a trailer, ute or truck to help distribute our items to the relevant agencies/charities on Tuesday 23rd April? Please let Catherine know.





Family Fun Day – 15th June

Another attraction at our Family Fun Day will be
Viv's Farm Animals

Update: The next interest meeting for planning will be in the office on Wednesday 10th April at 10am.
Please come along if you would like to become involved in planning for the day. Your ideas will be most welcome.

To be the best it can be, the Family Fun Day needs the involvement of our whole Elanora UC community, and your help is sought, both now – in the planning period – and on the day. Dianne Malimonenko has written “job descriptions”, and these will be available by Sunday.

Easter Services – Elanora UC

18th April: **Maundy Thursday** – 7pm at EUC

19th April: **Good Friday** – 8am at EUC

21st April: **Easter Sunday**

Sunrise at Kropp Park, 6am

“The Surprise of Easter” 9am at EUC...

A vibrant service of celebration that Jesus is alive!

A service for all ages.



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BRING A FRIEND

Easter Sunday - 21 April 2019

BROADWATER PARKLANDS
(SOUTH END)

